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UNCLE DAVID'S GRIEVANCE

WHEN the Montreal express had rushed past Owl's Head station, up in the Adirondacks, with the plow in front of the engine sending the snow to either side of the track like the bone in the mouth of an Atlantic liner, the guides stamped the snow from their boots and settled down on the benches around the stove to talk over election.

"How does it happen, Uncle David," said Pete Guppey to old Mr. Shorter, "that you ain't been to the polls these ten year an' more, an' every election we send the wagon for you reg'larly?"

"When y u catch your Uncle David a-casting a vote in the state of Noo York, Pete, you just make a note of it," and Uncle David opened his big buck horn handled knife and began to strop it deliberately on h's boot top.

"Whatcher got against votin', Uncle Dave?"

"Nothin' at all against votin', as votin', bu the state of Noo York ain't treated me square, an' I'm not a-goin' to help her out with my vote, not by a darn sight, an' just make a note of that for your Uncle David."

Mr. Shorter tested the edge of his knife with his thumb, and, the result not being satisfactory, he resumed his stropping. "The state of Noo York robbed me of $100, 12 year ago, an' until I get that back with interest they can send all the darned old wagons in the county to me on 'lection day, but they won't get my vote. Just 12 years ago next month the state of Noo York fined me $100 for killin' a buck out of season. That was the biggest buck I ever see. He weighed 310 pounds dressed, an' his horns were bigger'n elks. The great state of Noo York accused me of killin' him out of season an' I had to pay the fine. Didn't I shoot him? Course not. He shot himself by his own darned carelessness, but I had no witnesses an' I couldn't prove it. It was this way, an' just make a note of it, an' when I'm dead an' gone you tell it to your boys as a warning, provide this railroad don't drive all the deer outer the woods.

"There was a dreatful fall of snow that December and when it crusted over I went out looking for spruce gum. Just by way of company I took along that o'e carbine, Pete, which I sold three year ago to Joe Garner. That was a powerful shootin' gun for its size, now, I can tell you. I hadn't no notion of seein' deer, but there was lots of bear signs 'round in the fall, old rotten logs tore apart an' such like, an' I took the old carbine along just in case. I worked alo g over toward Pine Top hill, an' the snow was between six an' eight feet deep down in the gully. The crust was strong until I got down there, an' then quicker'n a log drive it dropped with me, an' down I went till my head was covered with snow. I tried to climb out, but it was no go. Every time I'd get up so's I could grab the crust it would break with me an' down I'd go. Then I hollered, but there wasn't a darned soul within three miles of me an' I knew it. While I was a-thinking it all over I heard a crackling on the crust that sounded like somethin' approaching on a trot like? The first thing I knew a whopping big buck poked his nose over the hole where I was, an' then, with a snort as he saw me, he tried to jump across. He most made it, but his hind quarters sunk back, an' seeing my chance I grabbed his tail, before he could stick it up, with one hand, an' I clung to my old carbine with the other. I can remember now just how I felt as the old buck, with me as a handicap, struggled to pull his hind quarters out of that hole, and every time his hoofs hit me they tore my clothes. I don't know how he felt about it, but he acted mighty skairt an' he thrashed around a powerful lot. I clung to him like grim death 'cause I knew that it was my only chance to get out of the hole.

"Th' old buck he worked an' tusselled an' kicked like a good one, an' the fust thing I knew I was out of the hole an' a-travelin' at the rate of a mile a minute, a-clinging to that buck's tail. I dassent let go, for fear I'd fall through the crust again. Part of the time we went so fast that I was hanging out straight from the buck, with my feet clear off the crust. Gee! but that old fellow was a swift runner. He was a headin' toward Owl's Head all right, an' thinks I to myself, so long as he goes in my direction an' I can hold on I'll hold. You see, I'd gotten kinder used to the motion by this time, an' so long as I could keep clear of his heels I was pretty comfortable. Every once in awhile he would give me a kick with his hind feet, an' I would let out a yell that would make him jump as if I was an electric battery. If you fellows want to travel fast, just hitch on behind a big buck—make a note of it, a big buck.

"We must a-cleared about two miles across the country in this fashion when I saw out of the corner of my eye Bill Jason's old line fence right ahead. That meant trouble for one of us. I don't believe that buck could raise us both over that fence, an' it was my opinion he'd not attempt it. That was where I didn't know my buck. The old boy sailed for the fence like a bird, an' just as he was goin' over the usual thing happened to my old carbine. What was that? Why, say, how many people are shot every year by trying to pull a loaded gun over the fence? Just make a note of it when you find the number. It's a dreatfully dangerous thing to do, and I knew it, but I couldn't stop that buck, in season or out of season. He swung me clear of the ground, an' just as we was a-sailing over my gun caught on the top rail an' was discharged, sending the bullet clean through that buck's heart.

"It all happened so quick that I didn't sense it at first as we came down in the snow together. When I did I felt nervous, for I knew the deer season was closed. Now, I ask you what could I do? That buck had come to his death through carelessness. There was no use crying about it, an' he was a beauty. I went home and brought back the sled for him, returning kinder quiet like after dark. Jason an' me had had a little lawsuit over a sugar camp an' he went an' made complaint on me of shootin' a deer out o' season. It was a darn mean trick an' I got even with him later. They took your Uncle David Shorter to court an' a lot of pesky lawyers asked me more questions'n a census taker. Jason, he swore as how he see that buck a-hanging by my house. We admitted it. Then they put your Uncle David on the stand an' I tole the truth just as I tell you now. A lot of those village galoots who'd never fallen through the crust was on the jury an' there must have been somethin' funny in my clothes, for all the time I was a-tellin' about my mirac'lous escape from the hole in the snow at the buck's tail they just sat there an' grinned like Sam Jackson's oldest boy did before they sent him to the idiot asylum. I'd like to see how much grinnin' they'd do if they was a flyin' through the air with no better bolt than a buck's tail an' him a-movin' lively. Just make a note of that, now.

"I told that jury how that careless buck had dragged me an' the gun over the fence, an' the gun got caught on the rail an' discharged itself. If anyone was to be blamed for killin' that buck, say I, it was Jason, who built the line fence. That would be justice, says I, an' make a note of it. What did they do? Why, the jury convicted me without leavin' their seats, because Jason swore that the hole in that buck's hide was in the head. The prosecutin' attorney said that he hated to discredit me, but he said, admittin' that I was a-hangin' on the buck's tail, as I was, how could I shoot him through the heart. It made me blush for my race to hear a man talk silly like that. When that old buck was a-clearin' the fence he looked around neighborly-like to see how I was comin' along, an' just then the gun went off. That prosecutin' attorney didn't know my old carbine an' its shootin' qualities. The bullet started through the buck's head, an' the buck turned his head around so quick that it kept right on down his neck till it pierced his heart. Wouldn't say though that he'd figured that out for himself.

"The court fined me $100, which I paid, and says I to the judge, 'judge,' says I, 'this fine is almost as bad as callin' me a liar. You represent the great an' sov'rin state of Noo York, an' you can count me out on runnin' it as long as this $100 stands between us. I'll pay it, judge, but it ain't right, an' you know it.'

"I did pay, b'gosh, though Jason didn't think I could, an' I ain't been to the polls since. I was robbed, an' it will cost the state of Noo York just $100 with 12 years' interest to get my vote, an' just make a note of that."

Uncle David Shorter closed his buck-horn handled knife with a snap, which indicated that he had nothing more to say, and then he walked out and started through the snow toward Mountain View.

"For a Me h'dist," commented Pete Guppey, "Uncle David ain't so slow, an' his story reminds me—" but the station agent's kindly hint that a freight train was due in two minutes interrupted Pete, and the guides hurried outside to watch it go by."—N. Y. Sun.

Didn't Stop With a Curbstone.

"I have heard some very romantic stories about your successes," said the young woman, as she looked out of the corners of her eyes and adjusted her mouth so as to make dimples.

"Yes?" responded Senator Sorghum, with a complacent smile.

"It has been intimated to me that you have made money out of politics. But of course one doesn't have to believe everything one hears."

"Well, these silver people did so badly when they tried to make politics out of money, I dunno's a man would be to blame for turnin' the experiment the other way around."

"And then another person told me that you got your very first start in life as a curbstone faker."

"That's libelous."

"I thought so."

"Absolutely false! The way I got my first start was this: I had a farm left me which wasn't good for anything else, so I got it surveyed and had maps printed and opened an office and sold the whole thing off in lots. I'm not a man of small enterprises. When I start out to do anything I do it with a will. As soon as I made up my mind to fake, I faked a whole town. I wouldn't stop with a curbstone."—Washington Star.

Sent to Jail for Good.

A Sicilian tribunal has just sentenced a noted forger to imprisonment for 189 years. The culprit had passed himself off as an advocate, and in that guise committed 63 different acts of serious fraud, having even stolen for a short time the seal of the chancellor of the court. This seal he used to give effect to his fraudulent documents.

WASHINGTON LETTER

IF the Senators who aided Senator Gorman in his fight against Mr. Bryan's leadership of the Democratic party, to the extent of voting with him against the ratification of the treaty of peace, could see themselves as others see them, they would hang their heads for shame. There never was a more unnecessary introduction of personal peanut politics in a matter involving the honor of the country than the fight against the treaty, which ended with the vote in the Senate Monday—unneccessary, because every man who engaged in it knew from the first that ratification of the treaty was absolutely certain in any event, if not by Monday's vote, by the Senate in an extra session. Knowing this, there was no excuse for the fight; it served no other purpose than to show that nearly all of the Democratic Senators were more willing to follow the advice of Gorman than that of Bryan, even though they had to vote against the wishes of a great majority of their constituents, to do so. Not a few of these Senators have already been repudiated by their constituents, and will retire at the close of this session of Congress, and all of them deserve the same fate.

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The War Investigating Commission has completed its report, which will be handed to President McKinley this week. It is expected that the President will very shortly make the report public, and that, as a result of a portion of it, a military inquiry will be ordered of the charges made by Gen. Miles concerning the quality of the beef furnished the army by the contractors, during the war with Spain, which will give Gen. Miles an opportunity to substantiate his charges. If he can do so, there will be very serious trouble for the contractors; if not, there will be trouble for Gen. Miles. While there is some personal enmity between Secretary Alger and Gen. Miles, it is not and has not been, at any time, shared by President McKinley, who is only anxious that the truth shall be shown so clearly as to leave no doubt in the mind of any unprejudiced man, and determined wherever wrong doing shall be shown, that the guilty shall be punished, regardless of persons or consequences.

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While nothing official has been announced concerning the finding of the Eagan court-martial, which is now in President McKinley's hands, there are reasons for the belief that the President has decided what action he will take, and that his action will be to modify the sentence of dismissal from the army to suspension from active duty.

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Now that the treaty is out of the way, the Senate Committee on military affairs will endeavor to push the Hull Army Bill, recently passed by the House, to the front and keep it there until passed. One of the amendments to this bill agreed upon by the Senate Committee, provides for a revival of the grade of Lieutenant General.

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Governor Shaw, of Iowa, who passed through Washington on his way home from a visit to New York, was impressed by the Iowa Republican Association, and persuaded into an informal talk on public affairs. His remarks about the Philippines were right to the point. He said: "If annexation means that the Philippines should ultimately be admitted as states, then there is not an expansionist in this country; if anti-expansion means that the archipelago should be returned to Spain, then there is not one anti-expansionist in America. If anti-expansion does mean that we should not deny the right of self-government to people competent to govern themselves, then we are all anti-expansionists." In other words, Governor Shaw told his hearers that the policy of this government would always lean toward the freedom rather than the enslaving of people, notwithstanding the ranting of those who pretend to fear the contrary.

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When the House adopts the resolution reported from the Judiciary Committee, declaring that the four Representatives who accepted commissions in the army, thereby vacated their seats in Congress, as it will, it will merely put on official record what has been practically accepted by the four gentlemen most directly concerned, neither of whom has performed any official duty in the House, or drawn any salary since accepting their army commissions.

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The outlook for Nicaragua Canal legislation at this session, was brightened considerably when the House Committee on Inter-state and Foreign Commerce made the amended Hepburn Bill a substitute for the Morgan Bill, which has been passed by the Senate, instead of reporting it as an entirely separate bill. The early passage of the substitute by the House would send the bill to a conference committee, which ought to be able to agree upon a measure that would be fairly satisfactory to those who wish the canal built at once, and which would at least make sure that it will be built in the near future.

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Representative-elect Long, of Kansas, who will succeed Jerry Simpson, and who is now in Washington, said of his State; "Kansas is now back in the Republican column, and though I am not an aspirant for prophetic honors, I am free to state that it will remain there. The people have had their fill of Populist heresy. In our banks, there is more money in proportion to population than in any other state in the Union."

The Value of Green Cut Bone.

Nothing else is so valuable as a feed for egg production as green cut bone. Those who feel discouraged because their hens have not laid enough eggs should lose no time in buying a bone-cutter. The material is cheap, and now that the bone-cutters have been so much improved, they are very easily run and the labor is but slight. The green bone is very rich in phosphate of lime, which breeders appreciate.

Fowls will leave any grain or feed for green cut bone; in fact, they seem to smell it when the feeder approaches and set up a singing and cackling and devour it with great avidity.

We prefer the ribs of beef, chopped in two-inch pieces, and packed in the feeder nicely. It takes but a few minutes of hand labor to reduce them to the proper condition for feeding, so perfectly are the cutting-knives adjusted. The green bone can be bought of any butcher for one cent a pound, and it is more valuable than a much greater quantity of grain.

There is nothing else in modern poultry culture that has obtained so firm a hold among fanciers and breeders as green cut bone. That it is not used as much as it should be we are convinced. A few hesitate to use it because of the cost of the machine, but, if one stops to consider that this expense can easily be made in the increased egg yield, we think this objection will be overruled.

What we require, first of all, from our hens, is eggs; and there is nothing that will induce laying as early and as continuously as green cut bone fed about three times a week as a separate ration.—Country Gentleman.

English Plum-Pudding.

One pound each of raisins, and currants, thoroughly washed, and one pound of suet chopped fine; add one-fourth pound of stale bread, finely crumbled; three ounces of sugar, two ounces of grated lemon peel, one blade of mace and one nutmeg, one teaspoonful of ginger, half a dozen fresh eggs well beaten; beat all well together, put it in a cloth, tie firmly, and plunge into a kettle of boiling water and boil not less than two hours, being careful that it does not stop boiling. Put a small plate in the bottom of the kettle to prevent it from adhering to the bottom of the kettle; also give the pudding room to swell. To prevent the pudding from sticking to the cloth in which it is boiled, first wring it out of scalding water, then flour it thoroughly. When done drop it into a pan of cold water for a moment, and turn the pudding into a sizable dish. A sauce made of sugar, cornstarch and a pint of boiling water (no spices) may be used.—A. C. B. in Country Gentleman.

Why Lime is Valuable as a Fertilizer

In soils deficient in lime applications of lime are necessary to supply plant food. The indirect value of lime is perhaps more important than its direct action. It unlocks unavailable potash, phosphoric acid and nitrogen of the soil. It also exerts a decided influence on the mechanical conditions of soils. Compact soils are made light and loose soils are made more compact. It also furnishes conditions in the soil favorable to the activity of micro-organisms which convert the nitrogen of organic matter into nitrates and thus makes it available as plant food. On soils that are sour, lime is valuable in neutralizing the acidity.—American Agriculturist.

A gain of 175 million dollars in the value of live stock on farms in a single year is a matter for congratulation. Yet that is just what American Agriculturist's special report shows. Every class of live stock has shared in the improvement, with the single exception of swine, and here the shrinkage is not serious, hogs being regarded profitable property by farmers at large, especially in the heavy corn belt. The depression in the live stock industry, so pronounced a few years ago, and at its worst in 1896, has since that date shown a gratifying change toward complete recovery. The upward movement continues with increasing force and volume.

Excitement in Madrid.

Madrid, Feb. 6th.—Intense excitement was caused here by the receipt last evening of the following official dispatch from General Rios, the Spanish commander in the Philippines:

"The insurgents have violently attacked and captured almost the whole of the exterior American line. The Americans offered a vigorous defense at the exterior barriers, using their artillery, as well as the squadron.

"The warships destroyed and burned Caloocan, Paco and several towns in the neighborhood. Both sides suffered materially. Very sharp firing continues. The Spanish troops have been confined to quarters, but a sergeant has been wounded by a stray bullet."

The popular sympathies here are on the side of Aguinaldo, but thinking people are anxious regarding the consequences of the fighting, especially on account of the Spanish prisoners still in the hands of the insurgents.

The American soldiers so defaced the famous tree outside of Santiago under which all the peace negotiations were held that Gen. Shafter had to place a guard around it.

Original Thoughts and Selected Gems.

COLLATED AND ARRANGED FOR THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT

SOFTLY MURMER.

PHILIP LAWRENCE

SOFTLY murmur, gentle breezes,
Waft my thoughts to her I love,
Lightly lift her flowing ringlets,
O'er her tender bosom rove;
Tell her that her image ever
In my breast has made its home,
That my heart will waver never,
But will beat for her alone.

Softly murmur, gentle waters,
Flowing down the mossy glade;
Bringing perfume to the flowers;
Giving lightness to the the shade;
Bringing fragrance to the forest,
In the pleasant hours of e'en,
To the fields a robe of beauty,
And the leaves a brighter green.

Softly murmer, gentle voices,
Soothing care and healing woe,
Bringing to the chastened spirit
Hopes forgotten long ago.
Bringing comfort to the dying;
To the weary giving rest;
Like the whispering of angels
In the mansions of the blest.

THE POWER OF ENTHUSIASM.

Every great and commanding movement in the annals of the world is the triumph of some enthusiasm. Nothing great was ever achieved without it. —*Emerson.*

Nothing else is so contagious as enthusiasm; it is the real allegory of the lute of Orpheus,—it moveth stones, it charmeth brutes. Enthusiasm is the genius of sincerity, and Truth accomplishes no victory without it.—*Sir Bulwer Lytton.*

This world is given as a prize for men in earnest.—*F. W. Robertson.*

Experience shows that success is due less to ability than to zeal: the winner is he who gives himself to his work.—body and soul.—*Charles Buxton.*

"SUCCESS."

A GREAT audience sat listening breathlessly to Othello's expression of mingled grief and remorse at the bedside of his murdered Desdemona. At the very climax of the scene, just as Othello was about to plunge the dagger into his own breast, the mayor of the town stepped upon the stage, with a paper in his hand, and said: "Ladies and gentlemen, Lee has surrendered!" What cared the people for Othello or Desdemona when they were fairly transported with enthusiasm?

"Men are nothing," exclaimed Montaign, "until they are excited." Like the new and added power of the young lover to paint in hues of paradise the ugliest object, enthusiasm gives the otherwise dry and uninteresting subject or occupation a new meaning. As the lover has finer sense and more acute vision, and sees in his object of his affections a hundred little virtues and charms which are, of course, invisible to all other eyes, so a man, permeated with enthusiasm, has his power of perception heightened and his vision magnified, until he sees beauty and charms others cannot discern, which compensate for drudgery, privations hardships, and even persecution. Dickens says he was haunted, possessed, spirit-driven by the plots and characters in his stories, which would not let him sleep or rest until he had committed them to paper. On one sketch he shut himself up for a month, and when he came out, he looked haggard as a murderer. His characters haunted him day and night.

ENTHUSIASM IS FIRE FROM HEAVEN.

It was enthusiasm that sent Sheridan down the Shenandoah Valley, to utterly rout Jubal Early and his host.

The same power enabled the Cubans to hold out against the policy of a tyrannical government and to finally gain a well deserved freedom.

Courage recognizes the danger and meets it with a serene front. Confidence in one's powers, the thought of the prize to be won, the love of glory and reputation, knowledge of the means at our disposal, and a faith in fortune are the considerations which give strength to courage; and if they are marshalled in battle array and led by enthusiasm, the fears which hover over our path will be routed like flocks of evil-boding vultures.

It is this most potent factor that is present in all accomplishment which is of value. Does a speaker thrill you with the magic of an eloquence that seems to carry you out of your ordinary self, and sometimes to lead your very convictions captive? Be assured that it is because the speech is vitalized with the enthusiasm of an earnest belief which knows no doubt or hesitation. It enters into every invention, every master piece of painting or sculpture, every great poem, essay or novel that holds the world breathless with admiration.

It is a spiritual power. It has its birth among the higher potencies. You never find true enthusiasm in those people who are always groveling in the dirt at the feet of the senses. In its very nature it is uplifting.

ENTHUSIASM GENERATES ELOQUENCE.

Henry Clay, when speaking in the Senate, forgot himself as completely as if he were a father pleading for his children. On one occasion, in appealing to the President of the Senate, he became so oblivious of everybody and everything but his subject, that he left his place upon the floor of the Senate chamber, and by gradual steps came down to the chair of the Vice President, where he stood appealing to him as if none but the latter and himself were present, leaving behind him all his colleagues, who were watching him and listening to him in silent but wondering admiration.

It was enthusiasm that led Patrick Henry to utter those patriotic words so familiar to every boy and girl, and the same element made Webster defend right rather than a selfish desire.

It was enthusiasm that enabled Napoleon to make a campaign in two weeks that it would have taken another at least a year or more to accomplish. "These Frenchmen are not men, they fly," said the Austrians, in consternation. In fifteen days Napoleon, in his first Italian campaign, had gained six victories, taken twenty-one standards and fifty pieces of cannon, had captured fifteen thousand prisoners, and had conquered Piedmont. After this avalanche, a discomfited Austrian general said: "This young general knows nothing whatever about the art of war. He is a perfect ignoramus—there's no doing anything with him." But his soldiers followed their 'Little Corporal' with an enthusiasm that knew no defeat or disaster.

ENTHUSIASM WINS BATTLES.

The Maid of Orleans, with her sacred sword, her consecrated banner, and her belief in her great mission, sent a thrill of enthusiasm through the whole French army, such as neither king nor statesman could produce. Her zeal carried everything before it. Oh! what a great work each one could perform in this world if he only knew his own power! But, like a bitted horse, man does not realize his strength until he has once run away with himself.

Indifference never leads armies that conquer, never models statues that live, nor breathes sublime music, nor harnesses the forces of nature, nor rears impressive architecture, nor moves the soul with poetry, nor the world with heroic philanthropies. Enthusiasm, as Charles Bell says of the hand, wrought the statue of Memnon and hung the gates of Thebes. It fixed the mariner's trembling needle upon its axis, and first heaved the tremendous bar of the printing press. It opened the tubes for Galileo, until world after world swept before his vision, and it reefed the high top sail that rustled over Columbus in the morning breezes of the Bahamas. It has held the sword with which freedom has fought her battles, and poised the axe of the dauntless woodman as he opened paths of civilization, and it turned the mystic leaves upon which Milton and Shakspeare inscribed their burning thoughts.

Young man, do not fear to be enthusiastic! Believe in yourself, and believe also in what you undertake, and you may be sure that the world will respect your enthusiasm.

MIXED MISCELLANY.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

Dr. David Gill thinks that the dog-star Sirius, is 51,000,000,000,000 miles from the earth. An object moving a mile a minute would require 91 million years to travel so far.

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An increased use of compressed air as a motor is reported in several localities. The N. Y. Central R. R. Co. is having a heavy locomotive for 100-mile runs equipped for using this form of energy, which promises to divide the field of locomotive transportation with the electric fluid and steam.

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In a recent race to secure a $750,000 mail contract, a train on the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, competing with another on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy line, ran the 492 miles from Chicago to Omaha in less than ten hours, going sometimes as fast as 110 miles an hour. This is said to eclipse all previous records for so great a distance, and shows that a schedule speed of 60 miles or more is possible for fast mail trains on the best roads.

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EASTERN PHILOSOPHY—TRANSLATED FROM THE SANSCRIT.

What good is soap to negro and advice to a fool.

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It is excellent to impede an unjust man; but if this be not possible, it is excellent not to act in conjunction with him.

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Be not a friend to the wicked—charcoal, when hot, burns; when cold it blackens the fingers.

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Men who have not observed proper discipline, and have not gained treasure in their youth, perish like old herons in a lake without fish.

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Daily practical wisdom consists of four things:—To know the root of Truth, the branches of Truth, the limit of Truth, and the opposite of Truth.

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When trust is gone, misfortune comes in; when confidence is dead, revenge is born; and when treachery appears, all blessings fly away.

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Whoever, not being a sanctified person, pretends to be a Saint, he is, indeed, the lowest of all men, the thief in all worlds, including that of Brahma.

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Like a beautiful flower, full of color, but without scent, are the fine but fruitless words of him who does not act accordingly.

....

WHAT AM I?

I am a ray. The fount of Light I cannot circumscribe. And yet I fly. Through the dark nights I fly; through stars and pallid moons; I kindle ephemeral scintillations, I send out my trembling light towards infinity's eternal flame, from which shines forth the sun of all suns. And now I darken, totter, pale; I lose my breath, I smoulder like a spark.

I am a spark of eternity; and I am a pilgrim. Even today shall I pass away, after an hour's stroke, together with the smoke of the shepherd's fire, which writhes in blue strands over the forest in the eve, and disappears in the tears of the dew before the night. Even today shall I be divorced from that power, which holds me here from the twilight to the twilight, and the sun shall not see me more with his golden eyes.

I am a spark of eternity. Beyond the cold ashes I shall exist even to the dawn, . . . And then in my own embers shall I wax in brightness, glow as gold and burn as ruby; I shall pass through the grayness of the dust of this my bed, and before the rosy dawn shall have bathed herself in dew—before the golden sun shall have lifted his brilliant gaze from beyond the sea—I shall strike into the flames of life.

The soul-bird builds her cage herself—with songs and flapping of her wings—and enters then its gates all facinated with the life.

But soon the winged guest, from the infinity, newcomer, striking her prison's trellis wall, reddens her golden pinions with the ruby blood.

She hushes then in the dusky shadows of her house; a longing eats her heart away for the freedom of the dawn.

Till overcome with pain she strikes her breast against the walls and breaks the cage herself.

With songs and flapping of her wings, from the dusk (called life) she flies away near to the gates of the eternal light.

In the new morn that dawns majestically above the world, I put aside the black and sombre harp that plays and sings so sadly. For, from the ocean's farthest shore, with the first daybreak blushes, with the golden arrows of the sun, there comes on rosy wings, all radiant with fiery auroras, a new song, a bird of the arriving Spring. * * *

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WASHINGTON.

The next Pennsylvania Railroad three-day personally-conducted tour to Washington, D. C., leaves Thursday, February 16th. The rate, $14.50 from New York, $11.50 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other points, include all necessary expenses during the entire trip—transportation, hotel accommodations, and Capitol guide fees. An experienced Chaperon will also accompany the party.

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Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with Typhoid Fever, that ran into Pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I could not even sit up in bed, Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of Consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great releif. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong, I can't say too much in its praise." This marvelous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all Throat and Lung Trouble. Regular Sizes 50 cents and $1.00. Trial bottles free at Vaughan's Pharmacy; every bottle guaranteed.

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THE CHURCHES IN MIDDLETOWN.

Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. Isaac L. Wood, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., A. G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, every Thursday evening, 7.30 o'clock. Junior Epworth League and Epworth Cadets every Friday night at 7 o'clock. Young Ladies' Mission Circle, Monday nights at Parsonage. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Mite Society, first Saturday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday afternoon of each month at 2.30 o'clock.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 3.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 10 a. m., and 3.30 p. m Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 45 p. m. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Ladies on the first and third Fri days of each month at 2 p. m., the Boys' Club on Friday evenings at 7.30 and the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m.

NOTICE.

Because of illness many subscriptions paid recently have not been changed on the labels though properly credited in the subscription books. Prompt notice should be given of failure to receive paper, or if town carrier does not leave paper where desired.

Local News.

Every body uses Bragdon's Poultry Remdy, it cures; 25 cents.

—Harold Green, of Middletown, has been elected president of the senior class of Delaware College.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter & Son have a full line of carriages and agricultural Implements on hand

—The St Annes Branch of the Woman's Auxilary held their regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon.

—Shirts, 10c; Cuffs, 4c; Collars. 2c. All work guaranteed to be the best.—Lee Sing, North Broad Street.

—The Rev. William Dyer will preach in the Forest Presbyterian Church to-morrow, at the morning and evening services.

—Latest style wedding invitations printed expeditiously and cheaply at the TRANSCRIPT office.

—Don't forget the entertaining and instructive Bethesda Epworth League. Meetings every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock.

—Copies made from Tin Types or any other pictures of any description at Trinklere's Studio.

—At the Methodist Church, in Odessa, to-morrow, Rev. R. Irvin Watkins of New Castle will conduct the services day and evening.

—Eggs were in good demand in this market at 18 cents per dozen, previous to the recent heavy snow fall. A slight advance since.

—In a sleighing accident at Newark on Monday a shaft penetrated a horse's chest, with the result that the animal had to be killed.

—Do you want the "best farm wagon made?" If so, buy the Milburn. Do you want to double the profits from your cows? If so, buy the American Separator. The above are for sale by

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—The Congressional Sundry Civil Appropriation bill, reported to the House Feb. 7th, contains an appropriation of $377,000 for continuing the construction of the harbor of refuge in the Delaware Bay.

—If you are going out of town for an outing leave your address at The Transcript office and the paper will follow you. It is the only way to keep posted on town affairs.

—Professors Bishop, Chester and Powell, of Delaware College, are visiting schools in the State, giving lessons in the study of nature, with a view of having this branch taught in the public schools.

—The Middletown Orchestra (in part) consisting of Prof. G. W. Price, and Messrs. W. E. and Robt. L. Johnson, assisted the White Rose Orchestra of Smyrna at the Chestertown, Md., Opera House Thursday evening.

—The first electric arc light put in a business house of Middletown, was that of Mr. J. G. Bragdon's drug house. This was followed by two in the hardware store of Mr. W. S. Leatherbury. Others contemplate putting in the arcs in the near future.

—Many improvements are being made by "Mine host," Mr. Jno. P. McIntyre, the genial proprietor of the National Hotel in that splendid hostelry. Mr. McIntyre is tireless in his efforts to please the traveling public, and neglects nothing that will contribute to the every comfort of his guests.

—A goodly number of our citizens listened to a splendid lecture at Bethesda Methodist Church, on Tuesday evening last by Bishop Cyrus Foss, of Philadelphia, notwithstanding the inclement weather. Much interest was manifested by all who were fortunate enough to be present.

—Mr. James W. Lee, of Townsend, drove to Middletown on Tuesday night last, and entered the TRANSCRIPT office 24 minutes after leaving home. The distance is five miles, and he says his noble horse "Billy Barlow," only touched the ground on the high places. Sleighing was never better in these parts.

—The thermometer registered from five to six degrees below zero in Middletown Thursday morning—the coldest weather recorded for the Winter. No casualties are reported thus far. This extreme cold weather augers well for an abundant fruit crop, the coming season. On Friday 10 degrees below zero was registered.

—A new society recently organized among the young people of Middletown, known as the M. J. B. met last Friday evening at the home of Miss Sylvia Moore, North Broad street. [The TRANSCRIPT would be pleased to know more of the object and proceedings of M. J. B. Society, and trusts its secretary will furnish the same not later than Thursday of each week.]

—Messrs. Cates & Fouracre, life and fire insurance agents, representing the old and staunch Home Life of New York, and others of equal reliability and popularity, have fitted up elegant quarters in the McWhorter building on East Main street. This is a young firm of push and vim, and surely the most popular candidates for public favor. The TRANSCRIPT predicts a prosperous future, and they deserve it, for none are more worthy of it. Much success gentlemen.

—Clerk of the Peace Jefferson B. Foard Tuesday made his first settlement with the new State treasurer, Dr. L. Heisler Ball. The settlement was for the two months ending January 31st, and showed a total of $3,324.97. The receipts for this period are nearly always the smallest of any period of two months in the year. The items are as follows: Inns and taverns, one license, $300; special inn or tavern, 21, $525; retailer to sell liquor, 1, $100; special retailer to sell liquor, 3, $75; peddler, 1, $50; merchants, yearly, 97, $915.75; merchants, six months: 21, $112.77; manufacturers, yearly, 22, $396.11; manufacturers, six months, 3, $16.31; marriage, 117, $234; auctioneers, 4, $45; brokers, 1, $100; doctors, 15, $162.50; dentists, 4, $42.50; eating-houses, 4, $100; lawyers, 1, $12.50; real estate, 2, $112.50; stallions and jacks, 2, $25; total, 320 licenses, $3,324.97.

—The last Legislature did not see fit to pass the bill for a State Penitentiary. Now Chief Justice Lore has had another bill prepared creating a penitentiary for New Castle county. The proposed cost is $150-000. The money to be raised by means of bonds bearing four per cent. interest. A Board of Trustees to consist of five persons, two women and three men of different politics. The idea is to have long term prisoners employed and thereby contribute something towards their support as well as a punishment for their misdeeds.

It Beats the Band.

The newest and most inspiring piece of Sheet Music, arranged for piano, is "The Pioneer Limited March," composed by Capt. Frederick Phinney, Bandmaster. United States Band, published by S. Brainard's Sons Co., Chicago, Ill.; distributed only by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway. Enclose fifty (50) cents and address, Geo. H. Heafford, General Passenger Agent, 555 Old Colony Building, Chicago, Ill.

Removal Notice.

February 1st, 1899, I will remove my Office and Residence to the Miss Bessie Anderson property situated on the same side of West Main Street as that upon which I have been located for the past six years, and adjoining the vacant lot at the corner of Main and Scott Streets on one side and the residence of Mr. Jesse L. Shepherd on the other.

W. E. BARNARD, D. D. S.

Salaries at County Court Houses.

On Monday the House Committee on Judiciary recommended the salaries for the several offices in the Court House. They are as follows and apply only to officers elected subsequently to the passage of the law:

New Castle county—Clerk of the peace, $5,000; register of wills, $4,000; register in Chancery and clerk of the Orphans' Court, $2,000; prothonotary, $5,000; recorder of deeds, $4,000; sheriff, $5,000; coroner, $1,000.

Kent and Sussex counties—Clerks of the peace, $3000, each; registers of wills, $1,500 each; registers in Chancery and clerks of the Orphans' Court, $1,000 each; prothonotaries, $2,000 each: recorders of deeds; $1,500 each; sheriffs, $3,000 each; coroners, $400 each.

Public Sales.

Mr. Levi Watson has advertised a sale of personal property at his residence, on the road leading from Townsend to Pine Tree on Tuesday, February 14th, at 10 o'clock, A. M., consisting of horses, cattle, milch cows, shoats, etc.

Thursday, February 16th.—Sale of Stock Farm Implements, etc., by Isaac R. Staats, at his residence in Blackbird hundred, near Taylor's Bridge. W. A. Hukill, auctioneer

Thursday, February 16th, 1899—Public Sale of Stock, Farming Implements, &c., by Samuel Penington, at his residence in Middletown, Del. Shockley & Smith, Auctioneers.

Thursday, Feb. 23d, 1899.—Sale of fine Dairy Cattle by J. S. & W. Lattomus, on the "John Townsend Farm," on the road leading from Townsend to Taylor's Bridge

Friday, February 24th.—Stock and Farming Implements by William N. Watts at his residence near Van Dykes Station. D. P Hutchison, auctioneer.

Fought at Manila.

Middletown and New Castle County was represented in the battle of Manila, between the Americans and the Filipinos, but so far as is known most of the sailors or soldiers from here were uninjured. In the navy part of the battle this county and state was represented by Paymaster E. R. Martin, of the Boston; and also by W. B. Lenderman, a sailor on the Baltimore.

In the army Wilmington was represented by Captain S. B. Bootes, a brother of Lieutenant Harry V. Bootes, quatermaster of the First Delaware Regiment. Captain Bootes is in the commissary department at Manila, and his special duty is to look after the substance of the Spanish prisoners held by the Americans.

Lieutenant Walter H. Gordon, of the Eighteenth Infantry, who was colonel of the First Delaware Regiment, it is also thought, took part in the battle. Lieutenant Gordon sailed from San Francisco in January for Manila and it is believed he reached there in time to take part in the battle on Saturday night and Sunday.

Los Angeles and the Pacific Coast and Return.

Special Excursion from points in Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, New York and New Jersey, on the occasion of the National Educational Association meeting at Los Angeles, Cal., in July, 1899, at reduced rates. For full particulars, address John R. Pott, District Passenger Agent, C., M. & St. P. R'y, 486 William St., Williamsport, Pa.

ODESSA NOTES.

The sleighing and coasting are fine and every one seems to be making the most of their opportunity. The intense cold of Thursday interfered somewhat with their sport.

Mr. Wm. H. Eccles is spending this week in Wilmington.

Mr. Lea Soarks who has been the guest of his uncle Mr. Elias N. Moore retnrned to his home in Philadelphia, Tuesday.

Mr. Tom Short and sister Miss Stella Short and Mr. Harvey Goldsboro of Middle Neck Md., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. H. Enos, Tuesday.

Mr. L. V. Aspril, Sr. left for Wilmington Wednesday afternoon where he will attend the G. A. R. Convention.

Little Elsie Muhlberger had her ankle hurt while coasting on the school house hill, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Micheal Gremminger attended the Annual Encampment of Delaware G. A. R. in Wilmington this week.

Messrs. John Green, Frank Davis, Jacob Cochran, Wm. Johnson and William Rhine were in Wilmington Monday, as witnesses in the trial of the colored man who drew his pistol on Mr. Johnson.

Dr. Malcolm Council spent Wednesday in Philadelphia.

Mr. Fred Williams and sister Miss Addie Williams from St Augustine Md., and Miss Jessie Hukill of Middletown were the guests of the Misses Williams Monday evening.

A sleighing party composed of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Aspril, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Sereck Shallcross and the Misses Williams drove over in Md., and spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. John J. Williams, Wednesday evening.

MERRY SLEIGHING PARTIES.

Hear the sledges with the bells—
Silver bells—
What a world of merriment their melody foretells!
How they tinkle, tinkle, tinkle,
In the icy air of night!
While the stars that oversprinkle
All the heavens, seemed to twinkle
With a crystalline delight;
Keeping time, time, time,
In a sort of Runic rhyme,
To the tintinnabulation that so musically wells
From the bells, bells, bells, bells,
Bells, bells, bells—
From the jingling and the tinkling of the bells.

—*Edgar Allen Poe.*

The first real good sleighing of the season began here Sunday, and the occasion was taken advantage by all who could secure rigs. From the latest modeled cutter to the dry goods box jumper could be seen rapidly whirling through the streets in every direction to the musical tinkling of the bells—rosy cheeked youth and gray haired age enjoying the healthful and exhilerating exercise alike. And although many were pelted mercilessly with snow balls, all took it good naturedly and enjoyed the fun to a degree.

Lovers of horse flesh—especially the high-steppers—could but admire the many symmetrical and velvet-coated steeds that skimmed through the thoroughfares and whirled gracefully around the corners in their mad desire to get ahead, horse and driver seemingly partaking of the same infectious spirit. The gentlemen who held the ribbons bore themselves with ease, and the many handsome ladies who graced the occasion with their presence, in their comfortable furs, wraps and robes, lent a charm to the picture that was the admiration of even the most casual observer.

Mr. Eugene Clarke's red sorrel horse, Woodlock, with a record of 2.21, justly merited the many compliments he received for his pretty work.

Mr. Williard B. Biggs' team of high-steppers, the sorrel 3 year old Rob Roy and Starlight, were also greatly admired.

Mr. John P. Cochran's bay gelding, came in for a goodly share of justly merited praise.

Mr. J. Gray Taylor's black pacer was not slow by any means; a fine gaited animal.

Mr. F. Malcolm Cochran's bay pacer did some beautiful work.

Mr. Joseph Manlove held the ribbons over a fine sorrel pacer, a clean limbed and swift animal.

Mr. Z. T. Atherly, of Odessa, sat behind a very good horse, and competed for honors.

There were many others that the TRANSCRIPT would be pleased to make especial mention of but time and space forbid.

Literary Notes.

In the February number of the American Monthly Review of Reviews the editor seeks to apply the lessons of our national failures in the South during the reconstruction period following the Civil War to the present problems of a similar nature in Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines. His deductions are interesting and instructive. He says: "The true way to restore the South to the Union after the war was to restore the South to its own people." The same principle applies to-day in the new territories just coming under our control. The editor warns us against a new type of "carpet-bagger" who is threatening to invade Cuba—namely, the franchise grabber. A large proportion of space in this number of the Review is given up to editorial and contributed articles on the management of foreign dependencies. Sylvester Baxter contributes an interesting study of the Dutch rule in Java, and Dr. Daniel Dorchester makes a statistical exhibit of the recent drift toward colonial and protectorate governments.

"Old Virginy Cake Walk."

A rich treat is in store for the young people and all others who have young hearts at the Middletown Opera House on Tuesday evening next, February 14th, 1899, at 8 o'clock sharp. The ladies and gentlemen of the town are preparing a recherche entertainment, consisting of tableaux, drills, and the "Old Virginy Cake Walk," as a prelude to an elegant supper—oyster supper it is called—but there will be many other tempting viands of the gastronomical sort to tickle the palate and make pleasant the threshold of the epigastrium. (The latter part of that sentence is good, isn't it? but the supper will be much better.) Good music will be furnished and nothing will be overlooked that will in the least contribute to pleasure and enjoyment of the occasion.

This affair is to be given for the benefit of the Young Men's Christian Association of Middletown, and its object is certainly one that should command the favorable consideration of all who know the value and importance of such noble institutions to every community. A large attendance is confidently expected.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following named pupils of the Middletown Public School, are on the Roll of Honor for the month ending January 31st:

Department No. 1.—Edith Wilson, Bertha Geary, Katie Truax, Eva Whitlock, Ethel Ginn, Bright Cleaver, Caleb W. Johnson, Eugene H. Shallcross, R. M. McCrone, George I. Lockwood, Harry Brady, Roy Voshell, Mary Holten, Ada M. Roberts.

Department No. 2.—Blanche Roberts, Ella Burchard, Louise McDowell, Ethel Rowe, Helen Cochran, Gertrude McCrone, Helen Brady, Mary Nowland, Ethel Gill, Edgar Rowe, Oscar Whitlock, Julian Cleaver, Joseph Comegys, Florie Owens, Harold Dawson, Eisie Jones, May Webb Justine Peverley Eva Joseph.

Department No. 3.—Eliza Green, Maude Deakyne, May Kunple, Emma Kelley, Lizzie Holten, Mary Lewes, Prudence Lewes, Victor Jones, Louise McCrone.

Department No. 4.—Helen Rowe, Jay Parker, Florie Blome, Lloyd Bratton, Sarah Savin, Ada Scott, Burtus Goff, Irene Cleaver.

Department No. 5.—Lizzie Richards, Mary Hushabeck, Bessie Wright, Sophia Blome, Elva Orrell, Bessie Smith, Anna Shallcross, Anna Warren, Bertha Jones, Elwood Banning, Jay Fefevere, Emory Hukill, Joseph Goff, Norman Gill, Reece Taylor, Joseph Walker.

WOODLAND SCHOOL.

Roll of Honor for Woodland School, District 96, for the month of January 1899: Ida Armstrong, Edward Morgan.

Troops for Manila.

Early Monday morning a special train of freight cars, bearing the equipments, property and horses of the Twelfth United States Infantry passed through Wilmington over the B. & O. railroad. They were en route for New York, where the contents of the cars will be loaded on a transport for Manila. The regiment is ordered from Jefferson barracks St. Louis, Mo., to Manila. It left there Tuesday afternoon, and passed through Wilmington on Thursday. The transports will sail for Manila this Saturday morning.

Married.

On January 25th ult., by Rev. J. Gorton Miller, at Chester, Illinois, Miss Laura J. Tullis, of Chester, Ill., and Mr. Charles L. Derrickson, of St. Louis, Missouri. No cards.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Mr. John S. Ash spent Sunday with his mother in Chester.

—Miss Bessie McCoy visited her parents at Odessa on Sunday.

—Mr. George Hollis, of Wilmington, was in Middletown on Tuesday.

—Miss Phœbe Hadley made a brief visit to her mother on Sunday evening.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Armstrong, of Delaware City, were in town Tuesday.

—Dr. Parker, of Philadelphia, visited his cousin, W. Reese Parker, Sunday.

—Mr. John Scott, of Wilmington, was visiting in Middletown on Wednesday evening.

—Miss Sallie Crossland, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her mother in the East End.

—Miss Nora Armstrong, one of Odessa's fairest daughters, was the guest of her aunt Mrs. Hyatt, on West Main street, Sunday.

—Miss Fannie Burstan returned from Philadelphia on Wednesday evening, where she went some two weeks ago to attend the nuptials of her sister.

—Miss Annie M. Freeman, sister of Editor C. J. Freeman, of the *New Era*, attended the marriage of her cousin, at Philadelphia on Wednesday evening.

—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lynam, nee Miss Marian Burstan, will return to Middletown from New York and take up their permanent residence to-day, or not later than the first part of next week.

—The severe illness of Mr. McKendree Downham, editor and proprietor of the TRANSCRIPT, has confined him to his rooms, and much of the time to his bed, for the past two weeks, at the National Hotel. His friends will be pleased to learn, however, that his physician reports him to be somewhat better, but he is still very weak and nervous.

—The editor acknowledges the receipt of a card of invitation to the marriage ceremony at Bethesda Methodist Church, Middletown, on Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock, February 22d, 1899, of Miss Maybel Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor, and Mr. Edgar Clarke, all of Middletown. The parents of the bride will hold a reception at their handsome residence—Floral Villa—from eight to ten on the evening of the ceremony.

—Mr. Thomas S. Fouracre, has resigned his position in the TRANSCRIPT office, and entered into partnership with Mr. Frank L. Cates, to engage in the life and fire insurance business. For the past six years Mr. Fouracre has had charge of the mechanical department of the TRANSCRIPT, and has served his employers, capably, faithfully and conscientiously. He is a young man of sterling worth, and many noble qualities of both head and heart, and while the TRANSCRIPT is loath to part with him, he carries the best wishes of the editor, employees and hosts of admiring friends in his new field of labor. And if unadulterated pluck, untiring energy and honorable dealing will win (and they seldom fail,) the prosperity of Mr. Fouracre is assured.

The Lost Sheep.

"The joy of finding the lost," is the topic for discussion at the next meeting of the Y. P. C. E. Society at the Forest Presbyterian Church, on tomorrow evening at 6:45 o'clock. It is found in Luke's Gospel, xv, 1—10, inclusive, as follows:

THEN drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.

2 And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying. This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

3 ¶ And he spake this parable unto them, saying.

What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

5 And when he hath found it, he layeth it upon his shoulders, rejoicing.

6 And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbors, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and just persons, which need no repentance.

8 ¶ Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it?

9 And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbors together, saying, rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

These meetings are growing stronger in interest and broader in their influence for good. The attendance has been good heretofore, but there is abundant room for as many more. All are cordially invited.

St. Valentine's Day.

Tuesday next will be St. Valentine's day, and, of course all the elligible and love-sick swains, who shave close and part their hair in the middle, and the lovely sighing lasses are on the tip-toe of expectancy. Many will be the offerings at the shrine of the fair but fickle Goddess of Love, but nevertheless St. Valentine will ever be a popular patron saint. Here is a beautiful offering by Miss Hattie Whitney:

WHEN the pansies, in the Spring,
Breathed their fragrant hearts away
To the zephyrs hovering
Softly o'er them all the day,
Then I gave you blossoms fair
For your tawny-tinted hair.

When the ruddy Summer came,—
All the fields with poppies sowed,
And the roses' damask flame
In the mellow moonlight glowed,—
Then I gave you tribute due,
Admiration warm and true.

When the golden Autumn caught
Scattered threads the Summer spun,
And a goodly garment wrought,
All of mingled mist and sun,
Then I gave affection's meed,
Friendship fond in word and deed.

Spring's sweet blossoms went to sleep;
Died the Summer's reddest rose;
Autumn lights are hidden deep
In the fleece of Winter snows.
Now, my fervent love is thine;
Dear, accept the Valentine.

SENTENCED FOR LIFE.

"The sentence of this Court is that you spend the rest of your natural life in the State Prison at San Quentin."

Those words were addressed last Saturday by Judge Cook to Mrs. Cordelia Botkin who was convicted of the murder of Mrs. John P. Dunning, of Dover, Del., by sending poisoned candy through the mails.

Judge Cook rendered a decision sustaining the jurisdiction of the Superior Court of California to try Mrs. Botkin for the Dunning murder.

The modern Borgia stood with folded arms and bowed head while the Court recited the story of her arrest, indictment, trial and conviction.

Only once did she speak and that was when asked if she had anything to say. Her reply was given in her usual stage-like manner.

"Certainly I have. I say what I have said from the first—I am innocent of this atrocious crime."

Miss Brown, sister of Mrs. Botkin, accompanied the prisoner. She had been with the unfortunate woman since the terrible ordeal began.

As the murderess stood up to be sentenced Miss Brown stood up also. At this point for the first time it was noticed that the nerve of the doomed woman was at last failing. The sentence of the court affected her very much.

Before sentence was passed on Mrs. Botkin Judge Cook disposed of two motions adversely the defendant. The first motion was for a new trial and the second one for an arrest of judgment.

The argument of Mrs. Botkin's attorneys in each case was the question of jurisdiction. The Court held that such a question could not be raised upon the motion for a new trial. Though Judge Angelotti, of Marin county, who was associated with Judge Cook during the argument, was not present, he concurred in the decision rendered.

Judge Cook stated after sentence had been pronounced that owing to the fact that the question of jurisdiction was so important he would, after notice of appeal had been filed, grant a stay of execution and a certificate of probable cause.

Attorney Heggerty said this subsequently that the appeal from the judgement will be based upon the want of jurisdiction. It will also be claimed that Mrs. Botkin has been deprived of her liberty without due process of the law contemplated by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

QUICK WORK.

Burglar Smith Tried, Convicted and Sentenced.

One hour in the pillory, forty-five lashes, five hundred dollars fine and ten years in prison.

This was the sentence imposed on burglar Henry Smith, an account of whose bold and murderous assault on Mr. Vandegrift, appeared in the TRANSCRIPT last Saturday.

Upon the convening of the court of General Sessions at Wilmington Tuesday morning the Grand Jury returned a true bill against the accused for burglary of the house of James M. Vandegrift, near McDonough, five miles northeast of Middletown.

Upon the grand jury again retiring to its chambers by order of the court, Smith was arraigned on a charge of burglary, and pleaded guilty to the charge. James M. Vandegrift, who is 84 years of age and appeared quite feeble, was assisted to a seat upon the bench, and, at the request of Chief Justice Lore, gave a detailed statement of the robbery, which was particularly the same as has already been published. Mr. Vandegrift stated that Smith gained entrance to the house by breaking an outside shutter and raising the sash. The tools used, which were presented in court and recognized by Mr. Vandegrift, were a small sledge and a monkey-wrench, which were taken from an out-house.

At the conclusion of his statement Judge Lore remarked that it was undoubtedly a deliberately planned scheme to rob the house. Justice Lore then commanded Smith to stand up, and in passing sentence upon him said, partly: "Henry Smith, you have been indicted on a charge of breaking into a dwelling house in the dead hour of the night with an intent to steal certain articles. You may thank your Maker that you were not indicted for a capital offense, which would, if convicted, take your life. I think the district attorney indicted you properly, but your offense is one of the most dastardly ever known in our criminal annals. When people were in their beds asleep you broke into this house and fired two shots, which might have resulted fatally for someone.

"It was a most outrageous act, and the court can see no reason why you should not receive the full penalty of the law in a hope that it may reform you, and that others may take example from this sentence and be deterred from doing likewise. The homes of people should be sacred, and the court intends to do all in its power to make them so."

"The sentence of this court is that you pay a fine to the State of $500, that on Saturday, the 11th day of February, between the hours of 10 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon, you stand one hour in the pillory, and be whipped with forty-five lashes; that you be imprisoned for ten years, beginning this, the 7th day of February, 1899, and ending on the 6th day of January, 1909, and that you pay the costs of this case. You are now committed to the custody of the sheriff until the sentence is carried into execution.

Smith never moved a muscle when sentence was pronounced, and did not seem to realize the extent of his punishment.

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Wilmington Honored.

On Tuesday February 21, the State Council of Delaware, Junior Order United Mechanics, will meet in Wilmington. This is the first meeting of the State Council in that city since 1893, when only seven councils were represented. At this meeting thirty-six councils will be represented from different parts of the State. The session will be called to order at 10.30 O'clock on Tuesday morning at Eden Hall, and the delegates will be welcomed by Major H. C. McLear. An election of officers for the ensuing year will follow. It is expected to finish the business in one day and to make this the gala day for the Junior Order of United American Mechanics of this city. On Monday evening, February 20 all the delegates will receive a special invitation from the committee to attend the ministrel entertainment at the Opera House.

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REGISTER'S OFFICE
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Dec. 5th, 1898.

Upon the application of Merritt N. Willits, Administrator of Horatio N. Willits, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Administrator aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

{SEAL}

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register aforesaid at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written

CALVIN W. CROSSAN, Register,

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that letters of administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the fifth day of Dec. A. D. 1898, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the said administrator, on or before the fifth day of Dec. 1899, or abide the act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

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SECRET SOCIETIES.

Middletown Council, No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. M. Meets every Monday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M. Meets first Tuesday of each month in Town Hall.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

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LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., FEB. 4, 1899

Loads of the relics you see "captured on the battle-fields of Santiago" were bought after the surrender out of an old pawnshop near the palace in the city.

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TO FIRST VOTERS.

There is a constitutional provision which will become operative before the next general election is held, of which the general public may not be aware, although it has been published in connection with the Constitutional Convention. It is an educational test. It is "that no person who becomes of age or who is naturalized after January 1st, 1900, shall be permitted to vote who shall not be able to read the Constitution in English, and be capable of writing his name."

In Time of Trouble.

The presence of loving friends is a great help in time of trouble. While the Christian knows the help of God in the time of trouble he craves also the touch of a human hand. The Master took His three disciples when He went to His Father in prayer in Gethsemane. Human sympathy is wondrous help in trouble. If Paul could sing in the Philippian prison, yet he craved for the presence and sympathy of Titus and Timothy at other times. Christianity is not stoicism, that counts the craving for sympathy a weakness. The heart that knows most of the Saviour's presence, in the hour of trouble, appreciates most the loving sympathy of Christian friends.—Christian Intelligencer.

God's Will.

If we could always remember the absolute beneficence of God's will, we would oftener say, "Thy will be done," not with a sob of renunciation, but with a smile of happy faith. When we once realize that God's will is always and inevitably for our best interests, then our wills must lose themselves. This realization comes only through a deep knowledge of God, such as is gained alone by prayerful study of His word. And the result? Such perfect joy and energy and peace and power as earth has seldom seen. — Maytie Darrow Crane.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Topic For the Week Beginning Jan. 15, "Where Am I Going?" Text, Ps. cxix, 57-64.

"I thought on my ways and turned my feet unto Thy testimonies."

It is a bad sign when we don't want to be alone, when we are determined not to think. There is such a thing as brooding over the past and becoming morbid, despondent and utterly discouraged if we shut ourselves in from the world too long and think only of ourselves. But it is surely as bad for us to stifle all conviction and repress feeling and confuse all purpose in a continual whirl of worldly excitement.

It is also possible that we may be so full of work, even religious work, that we dissipate the deepest spiritual impressions. Time is needed for meditation. No growth in grace is adequate which doesn't base itself on earnest thought. It is particularly irksome to many minds to bring the thought in from wandering, fix it on some one subject and think. Especially is this true when there have been wrongs committed and duties neglected. It is painful to turn the searchlight upon one's own conduct, feelings and intentions. But it is safe, and there is safety in no other course. Take time to know yourself. Analyze your motives, see how much of your zeal is pride, how much of devotion is love of excitement, how much your freedom from temptation is due to shirking God's work, how much self indulgence has taken the place of self denial.

Take time to think out the Bible rules and apply to the problems of your own life. Some of the questions are as complicated as any algebraic equation. How can you solve them unless you think soberly and earnestly?

"I made haste and delayed not to keep Thy commandments."

That is the only safe way. "Put not off until tomorrow what today can do as well" is an old adage and a safe one to follow, especially in regard to all religious duties. Intuitions are strongest at the first, and the more they are examined the dimmer they grow. Most of the impulses to right come as intuitions and should be followed immediately. Delay blunts the edge of purpose and loses the opportune moment. While the iron is hot we must strike it or fail to shape it as desired.

An English Leader.

One of the most widely and favorably known of the younger generation of English Wesleyans is Rev. Hugh Price Hughes. Some years since he rose into particular prominence in connection

REV. HUGH PRICE HUGHES.

with aggressive mission work in the west end of London, in a field particularly difficult. Services in St. James hall were instituted and the most skillful methods of evangelistic work employed. Associated with him was Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, well known on both sides the ocean by his quaint writings on spiritual themes. Mr. Hughes has an abundance of force and tact and has succeeded where a less positive man would have met absolute failure. He is editor of one of the most influential Methodist weeklies, and altogether one of the most conspicuous members of the Methodist church in England. He has made a visit to this country and became known to a large circle of Epworth Leaguers. The cut represents him as he appears at Grindelwald in his frequent trips among the Swiss Alps.

Start Early.

The new year has opened and active work in all departments of the League should be at once instituted if not already well under way. The end to be aimed at is the development of sincere piety. This should be simple, genuine and intelligent. All departments are needed for the highest success. A regular course of services is the most useful. If a meeting can be held once a week and the books of the reading course used, it will give a good start. There is a book for each department. "The Founding of a New World" is written for the spiritual department and deals with the first 300 years of the Christian church. Let this form the basis for discussion for 30 minutes of the session. A chapter can be read aloud or the events described can be presented in a short paper, address or conversation. Maps, pictures, blackboard and other books can be used to explain more fully the incidents of the early Christian life. Songs, prayers, testimonies and exhortations can fill another half hour and the result of the short hour of service be a quickening of the intellectual and spiritual pulse of every member.

Leaguers at School.

A host of our members are absent from home at school. Remember them specially in prayer this week. Pray that they may be kept from falling. Peculiar temptations surround them. Home restraints are removed. Unwonted freedom of action is given. Experience has not rendered them cautious and wise. Homesickness may press them to seek companionship not of the best. New truth may unsettle old faith. Old habits of devotion may be broken by pressure of new duties. Pray for them!

Something to Do.

Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do that day which must be done whether you like it or not. Being forced to work and forced to do your best will breed in you temperance and self control, diligence and strength of will, cheerfulness and content, and a hundred virtues which the idle will never know.—Reformed Church Messenger.

Always Safe.

It is always safe to take it for granted that as yourself so others are trying to do their best. Shortcoming is no sign of short willing. Sweetness is never whipped in.—J. F. W. Ware.

The Shadow of Idleness.

Vice sometimes appears to me as the shadow of idleness. I do not feel horror when I see sin and misery, but shame for the sake of God.—Tennyson.

Often Mistaken.

Brains without balance are often mistaken for genius.—Presbyterian Journal.

And God Will Help.

Choose right, and God will help you to do right.—Church Standard.

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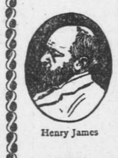

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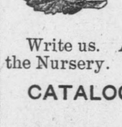

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Baltimore	6 25	8 25	12 05	3 00	4 20	7 53
Wilmington	8 13	11 04	2 35	4 27	6 56	11.56
Farnhurst	‖8 29		‖2 44		7 04	
New Castle	8 37	‖11.21	2 49	4 39	7 15	
State Road	‖8 38		‖2 54		7 1	
Bear	‖8 38		‖2 59	‖4 48	7 1	
Porter	8 45		‖3 04	4 52	7 2	
Kirkwood	8 50		‖3 09		7 3	
Mt. Pleasant	8 59		‖3 17		7 3	
Armstrong	‖9 03				7 4	
Middletown	9 08	11.50	3 26	5 18	‖7 48	12.39
Townsend	9 17		3 34	5 28	‖7 58	
Blackbird	‖9 22		‖3 39		8 01	
Gr'n Spring	‖9 27		‖3 45		‖8 07	
Clayton	9 33	12 07	3 15	5 42	8 13	12.47
Smyrna, LV	9 22	11.57	3 41	5 21	8 03	
Brenford	‖9 38		‖3 59		‖8 18	
Cheswold	‖9 43		‖4 04		‖8 24	
Dupont			‖4 0			
Dover	9 58	12 23	4 14	5 59	8 34	1.16
Wyoming	10 05	‖12.29	4 20	6 05	8 40	a 1.24
Woodside	‖10 11			‖6 11	‖8 47	
Viola	‖10 15			‖6 15	‖8 51	
Felton	10 20	‖12 40		6 20	8 56	a 1.38
Harrington	10 34	12 53		6 33	9 07	1.50
Farmington	‖10 42	a 1.00		‖6 41	‖9 15	
Greenwood	‖10 50	‖1 08		‖6 49	‖9 23	
Bridgeville	10 58	‖1 16		6 57	9 31	a 2.1s
Cannons	‖11 03			‖7 02	‖9 36	
Seaford	11 13	1 27		7 11	9 45	2.26
Laurel	11 23	‖1 37		7 21	9 55	a 2.38
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Laurel	‖11 21		7 11	8 10	‖2 25	3 51
Seaford	1 34		7 23	8 24	2 35	3 56
Cannons			‖7 31	‖8 31		‖4 04
Bridgeville	‖1 48		7 37	8 37	‖2 46	4 11
Greenwood			‖7 45	‖8 45	‖2 54	‖4 19
Farmington			‖7 53	‖8 53		‖4 27
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